

WASHINGTON - Tonight, Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL) issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives' historic vote on health care reform:

"It was a privilege to be a part of this historic night and pass a bill that gives nearly 70,000 of my constituents access to health care coverage they didn't previously have. Amidst the heightened rhetoric of this debate, we have to remember that this bill tells insurance companies they can't deny Americans coverage because of a preexisting condition or catastrophic illness.

While I am pleased that we gave the American people the fair and transparent up-or-down vote they deserve, I'm also aware that this bill is not perfect. I will not give up my tenacious fight to make sure every woman has access to the health care she needs and her rights afford. This bill is not perfect, but it is a crucial place to start from which we will review, refine, and most importantly, help millions of American families get the coverage they deserve for the first time in generations."